

Michigan Supreme Court  
Clerk of the Court/Mr. Davis  
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Re: ADM File No. 2003-04

Dear Mr. Davis,

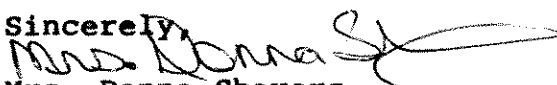
As a registered voter and mother of an incarcerated son, I am deeply concerned with the following proposed changes, announced in the February 2004 Criminal Defense Newsletter, regarding Michigan Court Rules (MCR) 6500, et seq.

First, the one year filing limit; 2) the 25 page limit; and 3) instead of establishing "cause and prejudice;" under the under proposed new standard for entitlement for relief, a defendant must demonstrated that the complained-of error(s) was an irregularity so offensive as to seriously affect the fundamental fairness, integrity, or public reputation or judicial proceedings.

As the clerk for the State's highest court, you are well aware that it is extremely difficult, and equally rare, for pro se litigants to prevail in Michigan's trial or appellate courts, on a post conviction motion, per MCR 6500 et seq. Undoubtedly, these proposed changes will have further detrimental effect on pro per defendants that consist mostly of uneducated & layman prisoners, who they, along with their families, are unable to hire an attorney to try to obtain appellate relief on collateral review.

As a Mother, and a concern citizen, I ask and hope this Honorable Court will not adopt this recommendation proposed chnges.

Thank You for your time and assistance with this issue.

Sincerely,  
  
Mrs. Donna Shavers  
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